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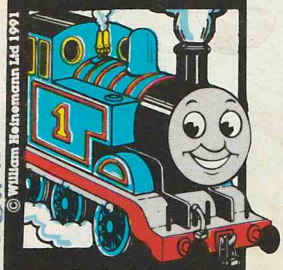

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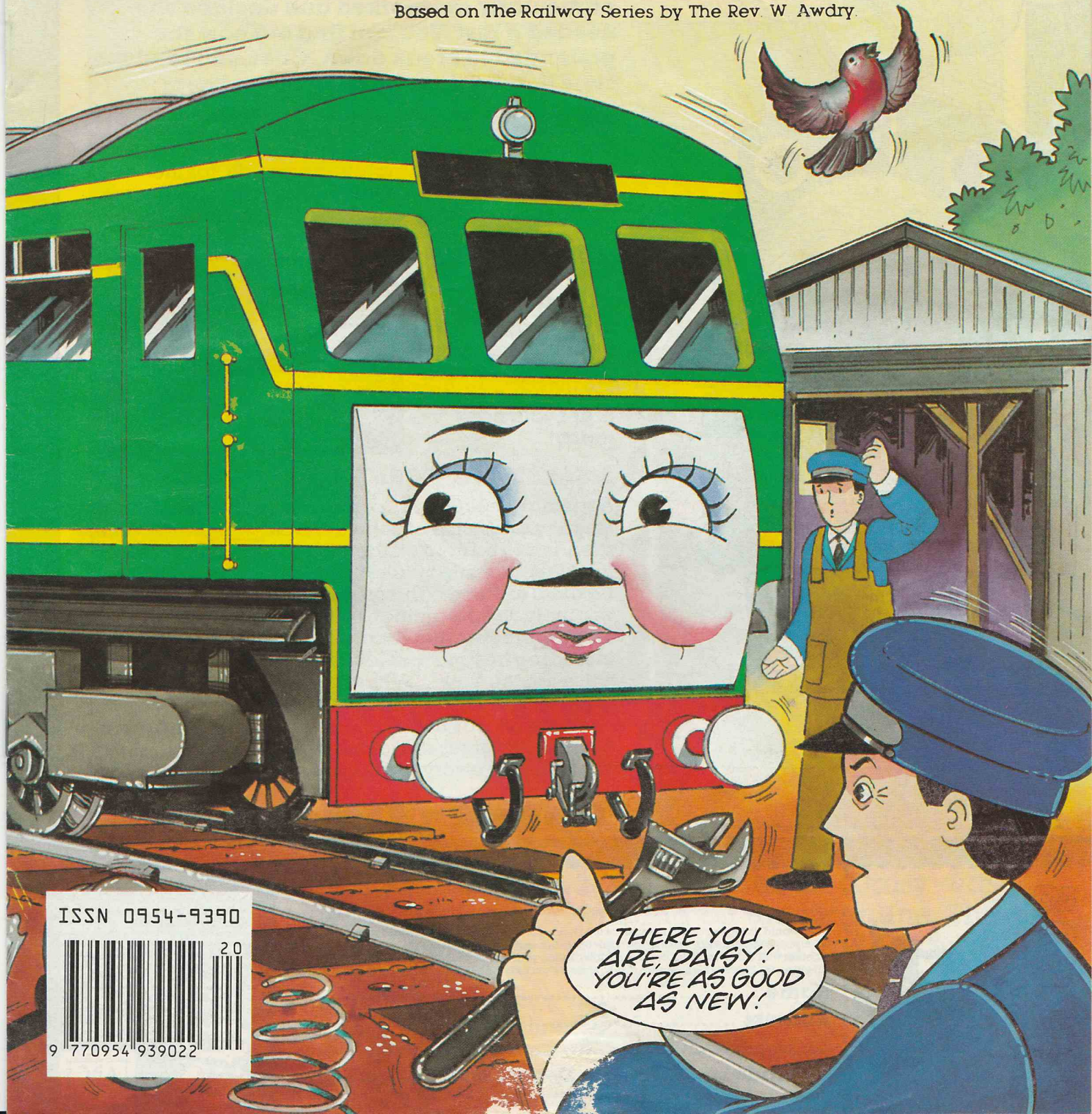

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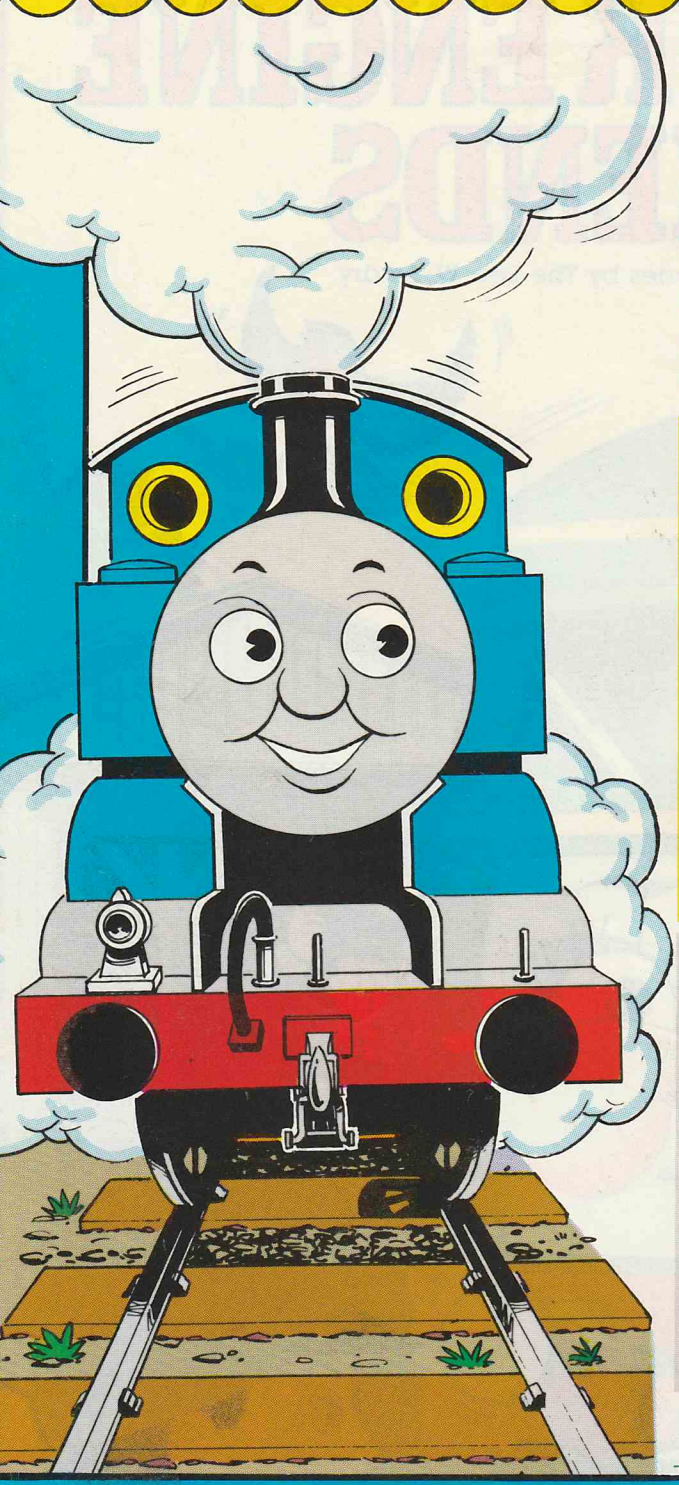

Peep! Peep! Daisy is very proud to be a diesel railcar. She considers herself to be thoroughly modern and bang up-to-date. However, Daisy can sometimes be very reluctant to carry out dirty duties, such as pulling sooty trucks. One day, Daisy though that she was being particularly overworked and decided she needed a rest. You can find out how she pretended to break down, when you read the story that begins opposite! Peep! Peep!

SPLENDID COMPETITION NEXT ISSUE!

Don't miss the very next issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** fortnightly magazine, for the chance to win some splendid prizes in a summer competition from *Fiendish Feet*! There are **40 Beach Packs** to give away to the lucky winners, each one containing a unique Fiendish Feet T-Shirt, brightly coloured beach bag, cool pair of sunglasses and a super beach ball! So don't delay, order your copy today!

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THOMAS TOKEN

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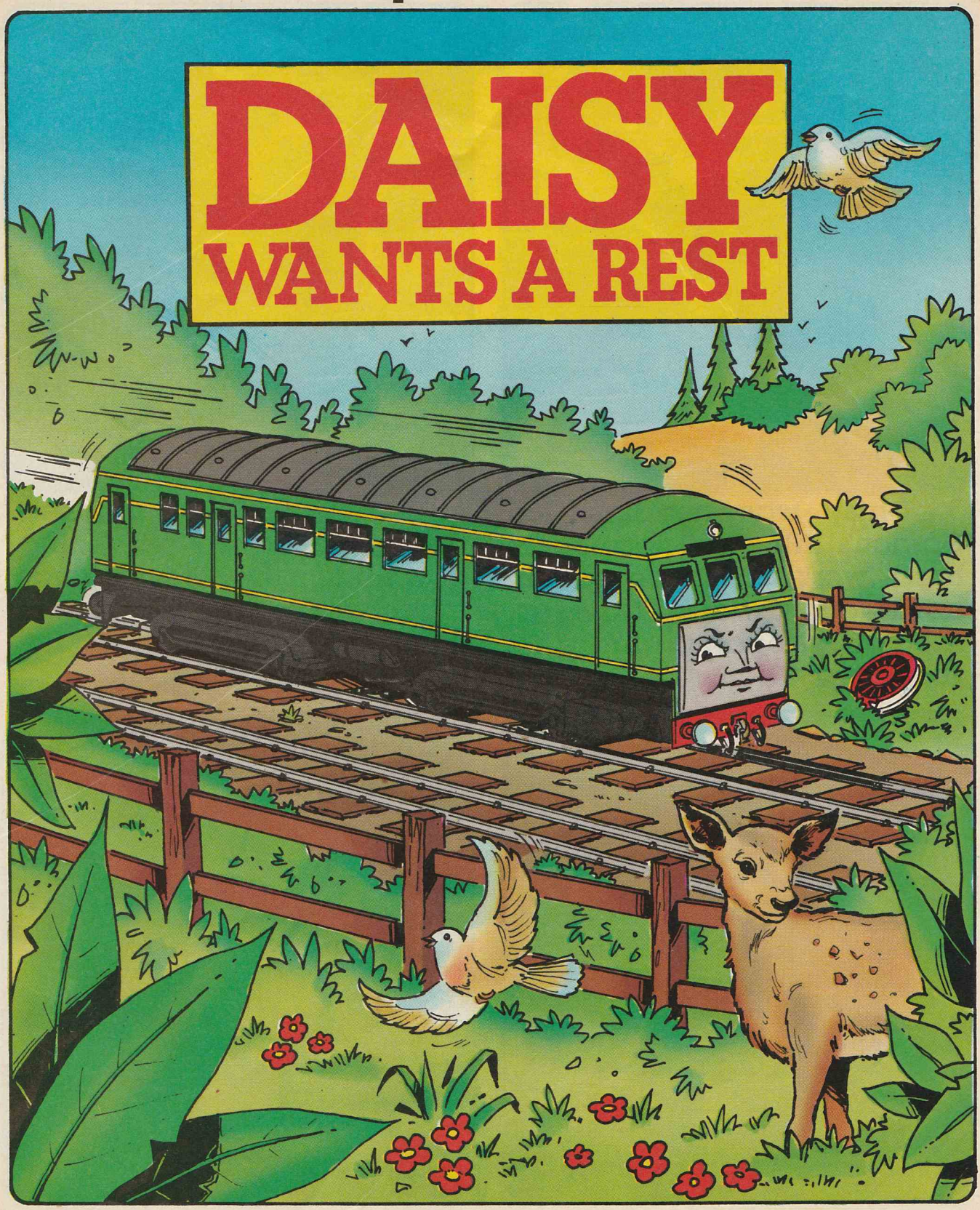
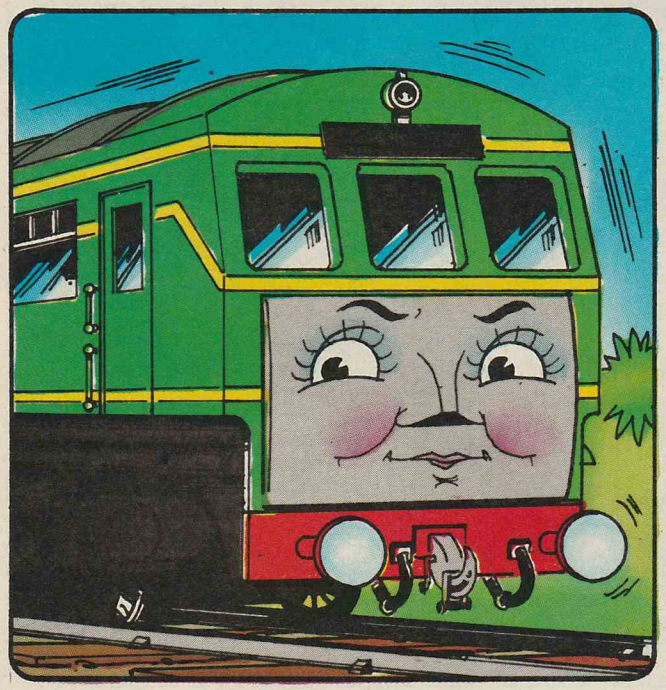


1.Daisy is very proud of being a modern diesel railcar. However, she is sometimes quite reluctant to carry out certain tasks. Pulling trucks she considers to be dirty work.

2. One afternoon, Daisy was working on the mainline. The sun was shining and the birds were singing. But Daisy was not happy at all. She didn't want to work.

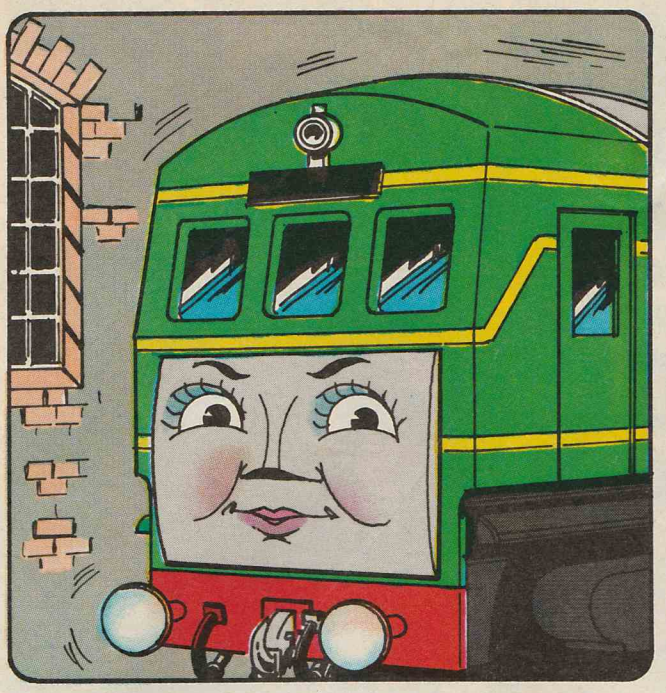
3. Daisy was heading for Gordon's Hill. "Oof! Too much hard work! Oof! Too much hard work!" groaned Daisy, as she slowly began to climb the very steep hill.

4. Eventually Daisy reached the top of Gordon's Hill. Going downhill on the other side was much easier. But Daisy still complained. "I want a nice rest!" she grumbled.

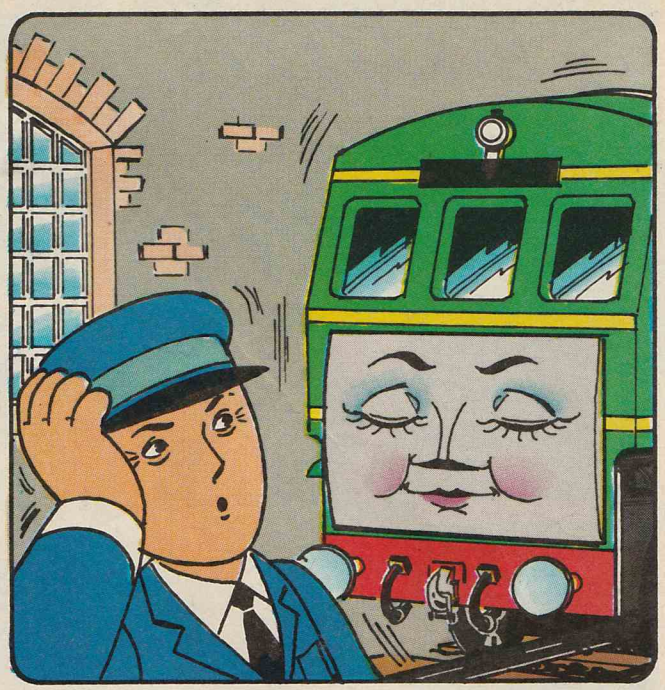


5. "Backwards and forwards along the mainline," she moaned. "Going up and down hills all day long, it really is too much! I want to have a rest today!"

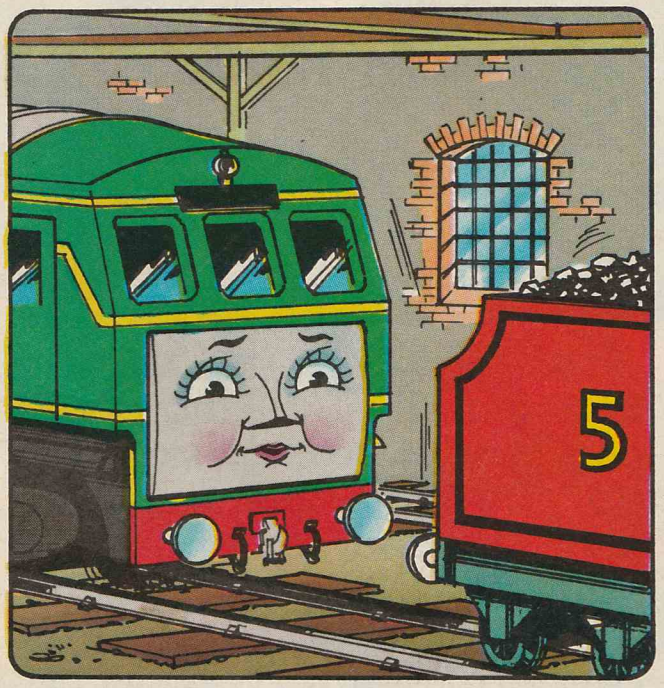
6. "There is too much still to do," said her driver, kindly. "This work on the mainline shouldn't be a strain for you, Daisy. It will soon be night time, then you can rest."



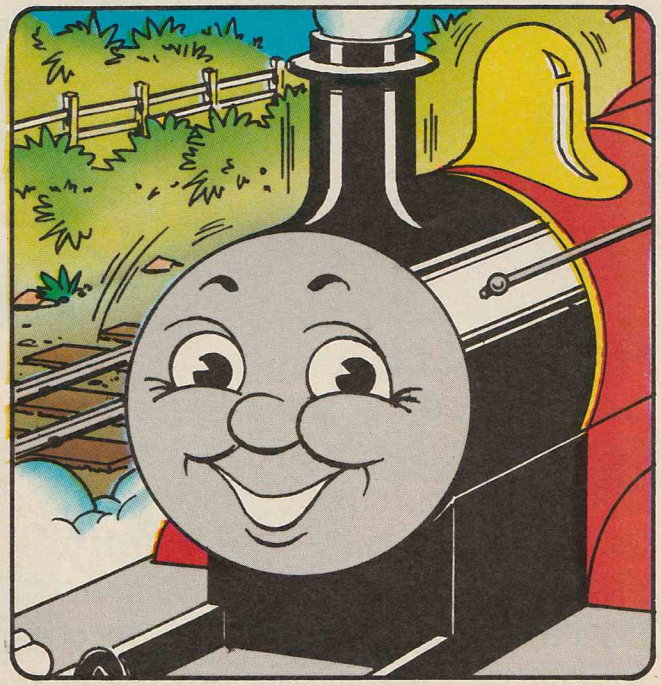
7. That night in her shed, Daisy stayed awake thinking. The next morning when her driver arrived and tried to start Daisy up, her engine just wouldn't start!



8. "How peculiar?" thought Daisy's driver. "Daisy was running well yesterday!" Daisy's driver spoke to the Stationmaster. Daisy closed her eyes and went to sleep.



9. Daisy was soon woken by a loud noise. **Wheesh!!** It was James. He was shunting backwards towards Daisy's shed. "Whatever are you doing?" asked Daisy.



10. "I've been sent to pull you to the works," announced James. "The Stationmaster says you need mending. They will be able to fix your engine at the works!"

11. "I won't be dragged to that dirty place!" fussed Daisy. But she had already been coupled to James. "Please try and start me up again!" shrieked Daisy. But no-one was listening. James was following the Stationmaster's instructions and pulled out of the Main Station Yard very determinedly. "I just wanted to rest my wheels," sighed Daisy.

12. At the works, Daisy could hear her driver talking to the engineer. "I couldn't start her up," he said. The engineer then decided to try Daisy's motor and to their surprise, she started up first time! Daisy was pleased to return to work on the mainline. "Even going up hills is better than being at the works," she told her driver.

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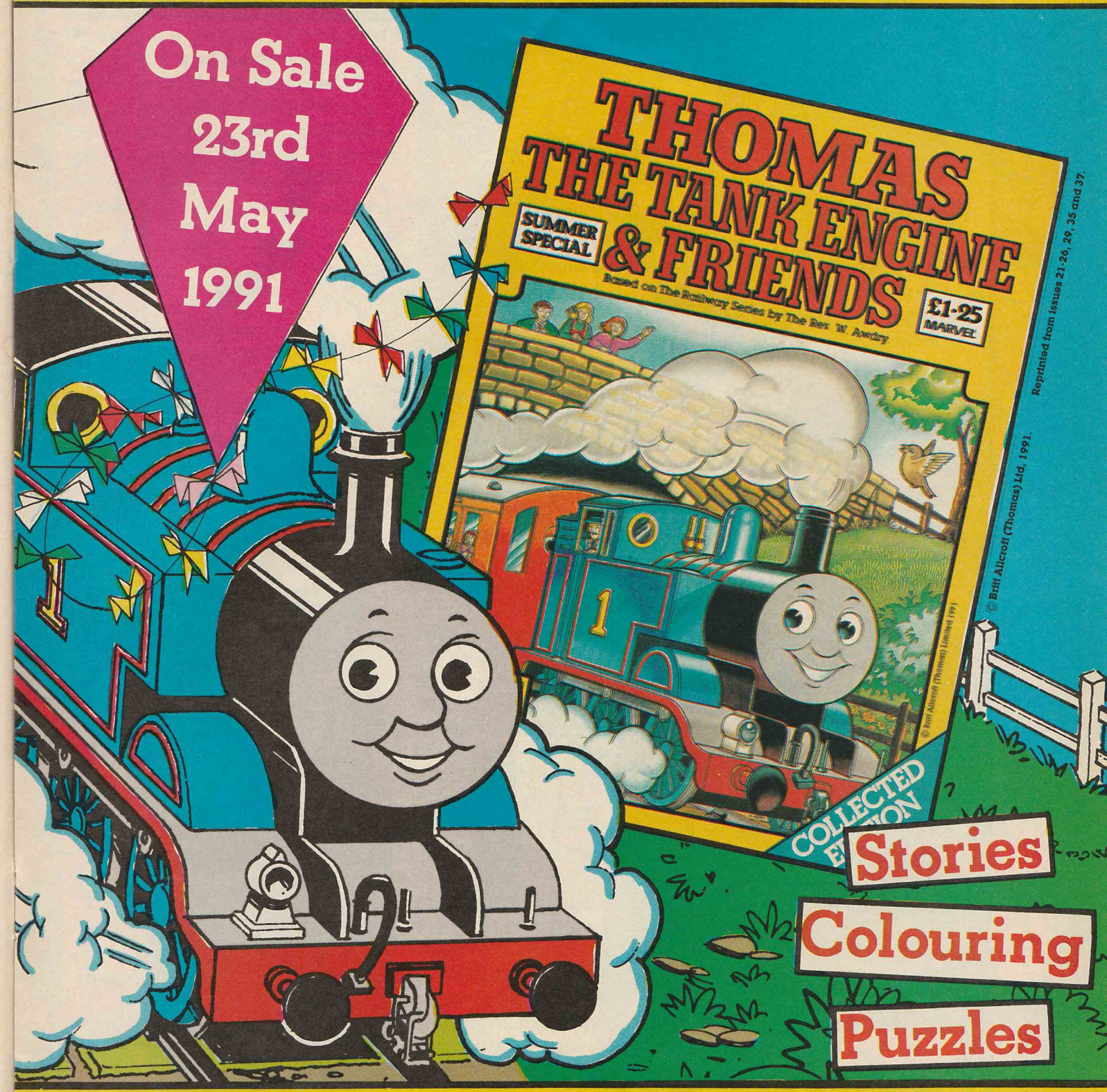
In our next issue: Too fast!

A SUNNY SUMMER SPECIAL...



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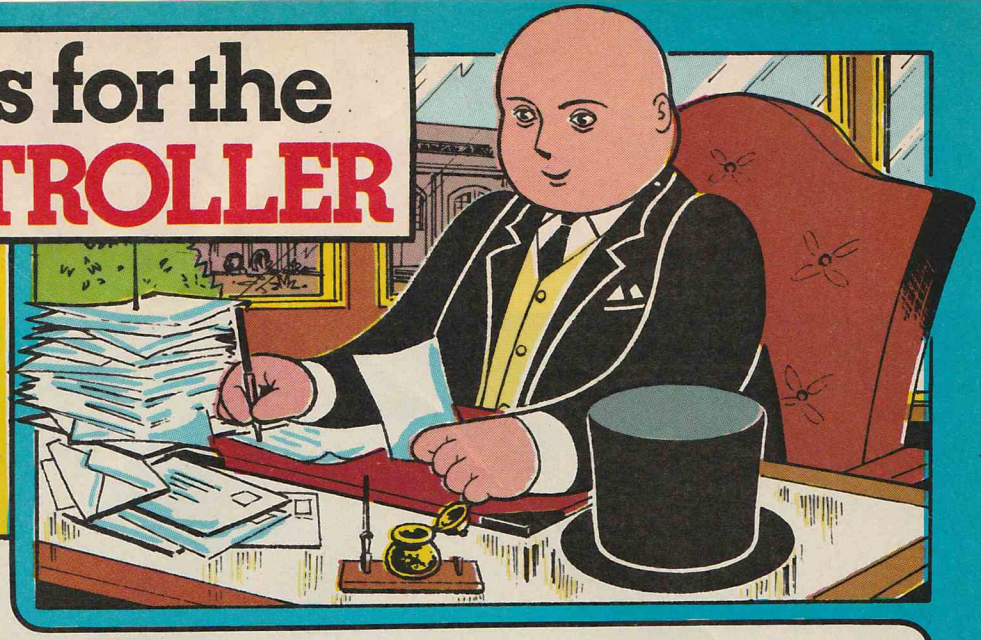
JOIN THE DOTS!

A smiling face up in the sky Join the dots and find out why?

Your letters for the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I enjoy reading Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends fortnightly magazine. It reminds me of the days when I go to see steam trains with my mummy and daddy on the Settle and Carlisle line. I don't like the smoke blowing in my face, but the steam trains are nice to watch and ride on.
Love from **Emma**, aged 5.

I am very pleased indeed that you have a fondness for steam trains. I do think that the Settle and Carlisle line is very splendid and I also have many friends who have been to it!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid remote control **Thomas the Tank Engine** from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

A CHEEKY ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I like all your engines. My favourite is Thomas. He is sometimes naughty and cheekly and he makes me laugh. I don't think he means to make you cross and I sometimes don't mean to make my mummy cross!
Love from **Ashley**.

You are right! Sometimes my engines can be naughty but they are all very special to me and that is why I always make sure they realise when they have been naughty, so they know how to behave!

ISLANDS APART!

Dear Fat Controller,
I live on an Island too but there are no trains on Skye. I can only see trains when I go on holidays. My favourite engine is James because he is shiny and bright red!
Love from **Robbie**, aged 5.

Gracious me! *I am sure the Island of Skye is as beautiful as the Island of Sodor! I do remember visiting the Island of Skye many years ago and I do hope that one day there will be many charming railway lines there!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Clive Pearson, Kirsty Wright, Gavin Liam Slattery, Stephen Hunt (33821), David Booth, Ben David Robert Leonard, Nicholas Wilson, Gwern Larsen (30848), Matthew Turner (34854), Adrian Robert Ford, Barry Keegan, Stuart Palmer (4568), Mark Bradford (33467), Michael Sommer, Steven Longs, Christopher Conrall and Katie Hughes.

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

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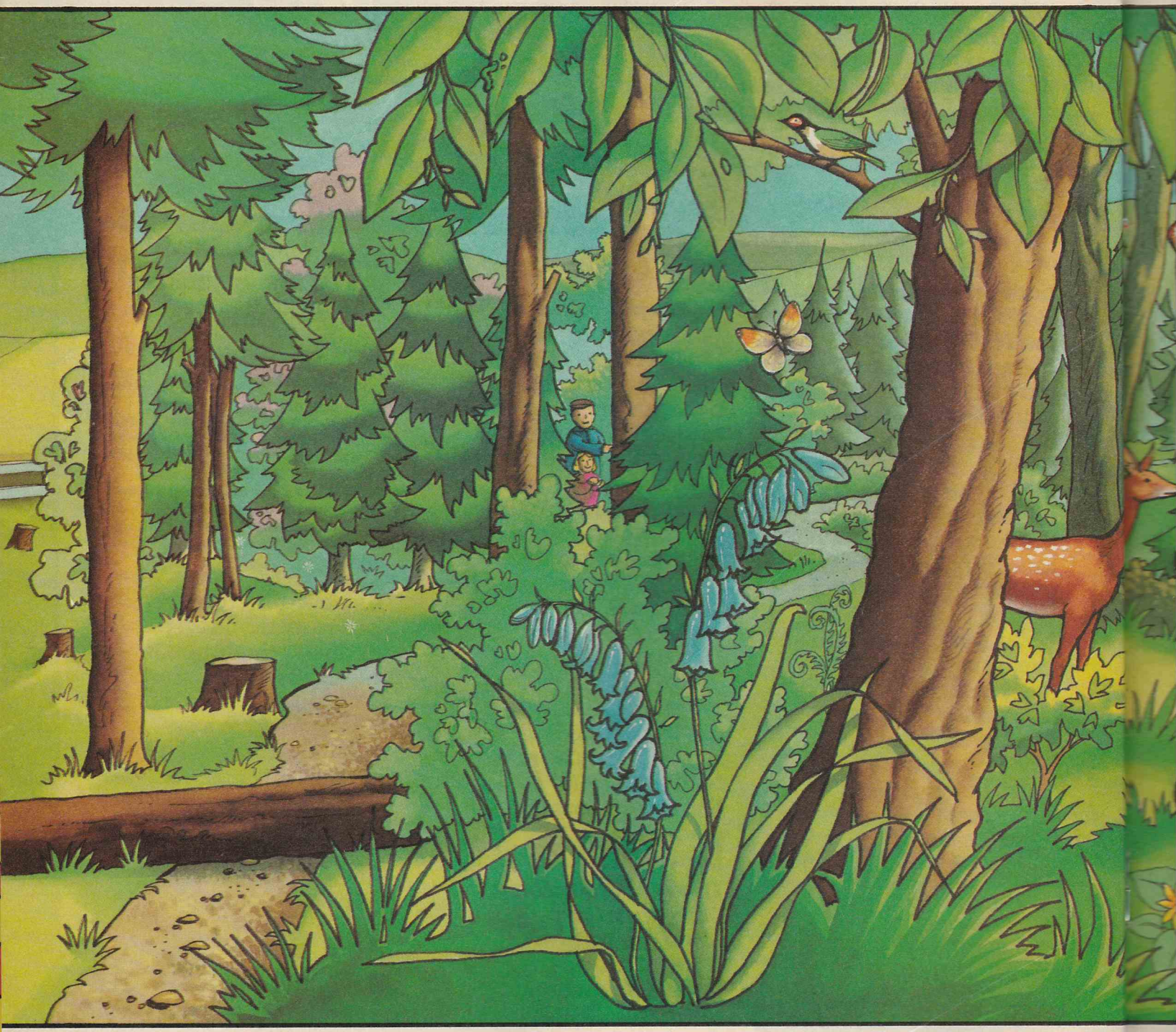

Which engine can you see?

How many deer are in the forest?

What colour are they?

How many people can you see?

Point to the wood

Have you ever seen

Point to the cottage!

How many butterflie

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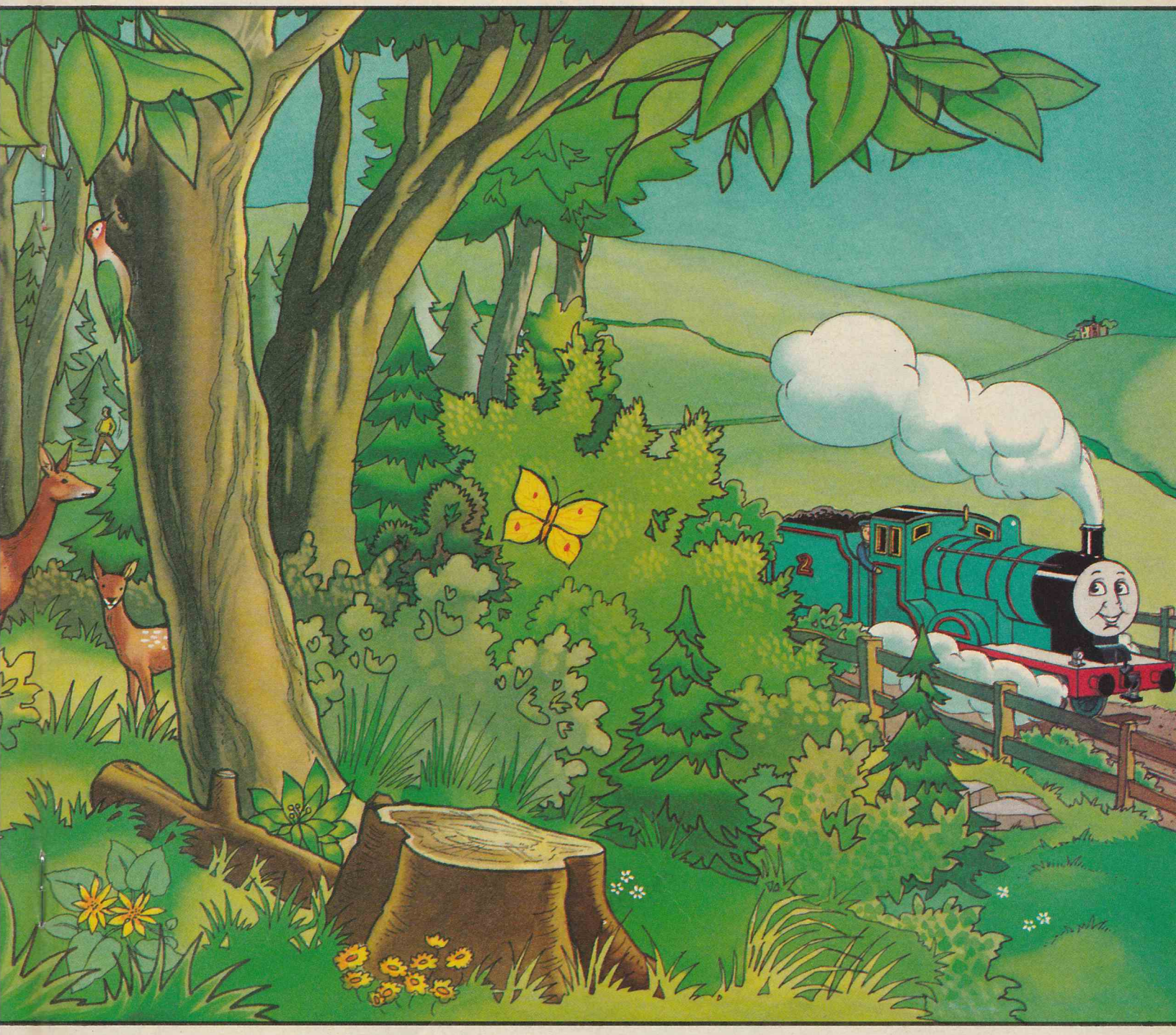

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seen a woodpecker?

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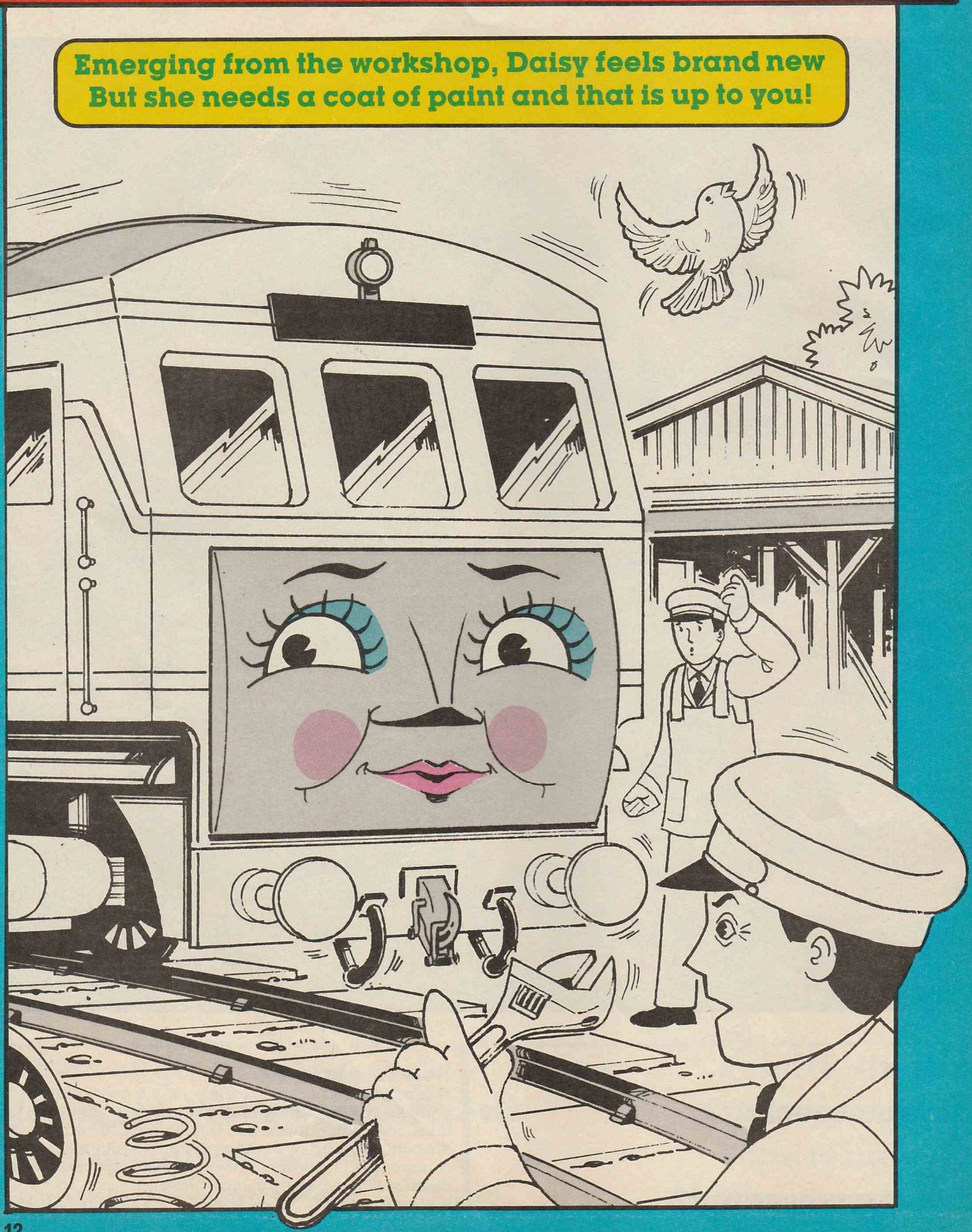
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the comic with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There will be a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

Next issue: Down to the harbour!

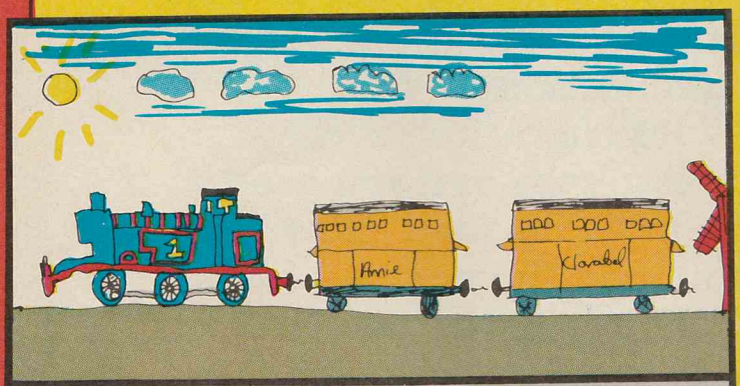
COLOURING TIME!

**Emerging from the workshop, Daisy feels brand new
But she needs a coat of paint and that is up to you!**

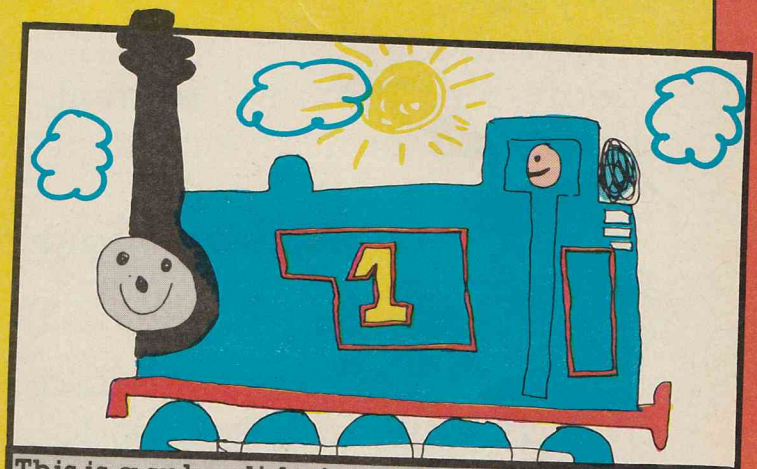


YOUR DRAWINGS for the Fat Controller

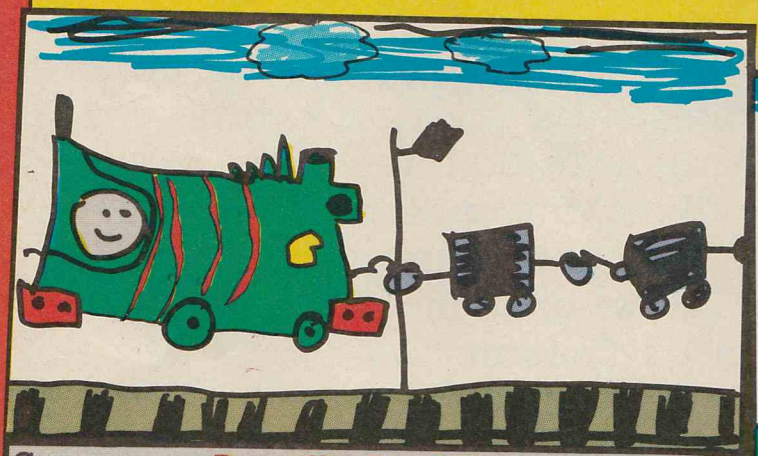
Here are some of the many splendid drawings that you have sent in to us. Can you see your picture?!



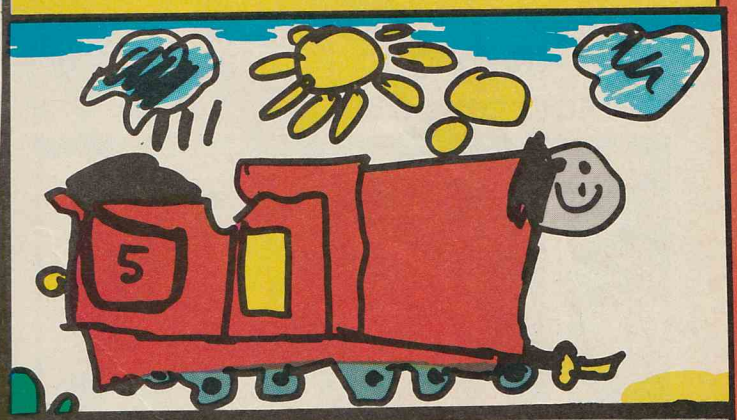
Here is **Thomas the Tank Engine** pulling his two faithful coaches, Annie and Clarabel, past a very colourful windmill. This splendid picture was sent in by **Mark Duffy**, from Co. Limerick.



This is a splendid picture of **Thomas the Tank Engine** happily puffing along his branch line, on a lovely, sunny day! This charming drawing was sent in by **Ross Deck**, aged 8.



Can you see **Percy the Small Engine** pulling a very long line of heavy trucks?! Percy may be small, but he is very strong! This charming picture was sent in by **Craig Harrison**, aged 5, from Suffolk. Craig's membership number is 9994!



Gracious me! **James the Red Engine** looks very proud indeed as he puffs through the countryside in this picture, which was sent in by **Paul Johnson**, aged 6, from Tyne and Wear.

Thank you all for sending in your lovely pictures – sorry that we don't have enough room to print them all in this issue! If you would like to draw a picture and have a chance of seeing it printed in one of our future issues, please send it to: *The Fat Controller (Pictures Page), The Island of Sodor, Marvel Comics Ltd, 13-15 Arundel Street, London WC2.*

A read-aloud story!

THE WRONG COAL

One day Thomas was shunting trucks in the yard. As he was backing onto the siding, he gave a big sooty sneeze.

"Ha-chooo!"

"Deary me, Thomas!" said his driver. "You must have a blockage in your boiler!"

"I do feel peculiar," said Thomas. "Ha ... ah ... ah-choo!"

"I think it's his firebox," said Thomas's fireman, knowledgably. "It must need cleaning out again!"

So that afternoon, Thomas's fireman set about cleaning the firebox. Once the firebox was cool, he began to brush away the soot and dust.

firebox

Although all the brushing tickled Thomas's insides, he felt much better once his fireman had removed all the soot and dust. Later that day, Thomas heard a familiar noise.

"Ha-choo!" it was James.

"It sounds as if you need your firebox cleaned, like mine," laughed Thomas.

"I have. It was cleaned yesterday," said James. "Ha-choo!"

"But you'll burst your boiler if you go on like that," said Thomas.

"It wasn't me that time," said James.

Just then, Henry pulled up alongside James in the yard.

"Hullo," said Thomas.

"Ha-choo!" sneezed Henry.

"Ha-choo!" agreed James.

"How unhealthy," said Thomas's fireman. "We should tell the Fat Controller about this!"

The following day was the same, all the engines were coughing and sneezing! The firemen and drivers didn't know what to do. They eventually went to see the Fat Controller.

"You have been using coal from the wrong heap,"

explained the Fat Controller, when he was told about the sneezing.

Meanwhile, there was trouble in the yard . . .

"It's disgraceful!" said James.

"It's dispicable!" said Henry.

"What is?" asked Gordon. And then he added, "Ha-choo!"

"That is!" said all the engines together.

"Excuse me," said Gordon.

The railway staff soon returned to their engines.

"The coal we have been putting in your fireboxes is the wrong type," they announced. "The Fat Controller has sent Duck to fetch another delivery right away!"

The engines tried to carry on with their work, but with all the coughing and sneezing it wasn't easy. When Duck pulled into the yard, all the engines were waiting to greet him.

"Three cheers for Duck," they cried. "Hip, hip! Ha-choo!"

"Thank you," laughed Duck.

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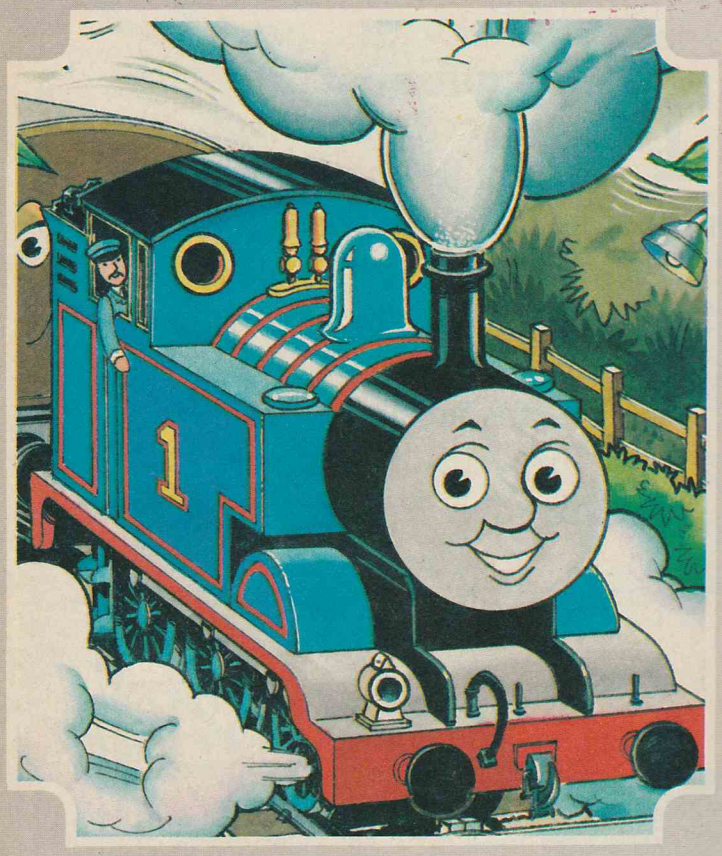

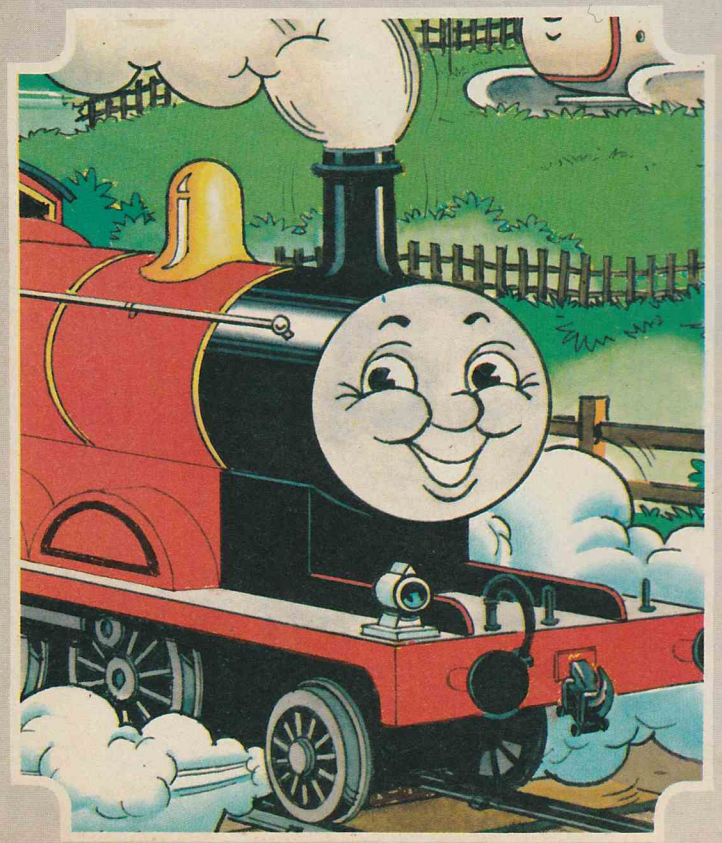

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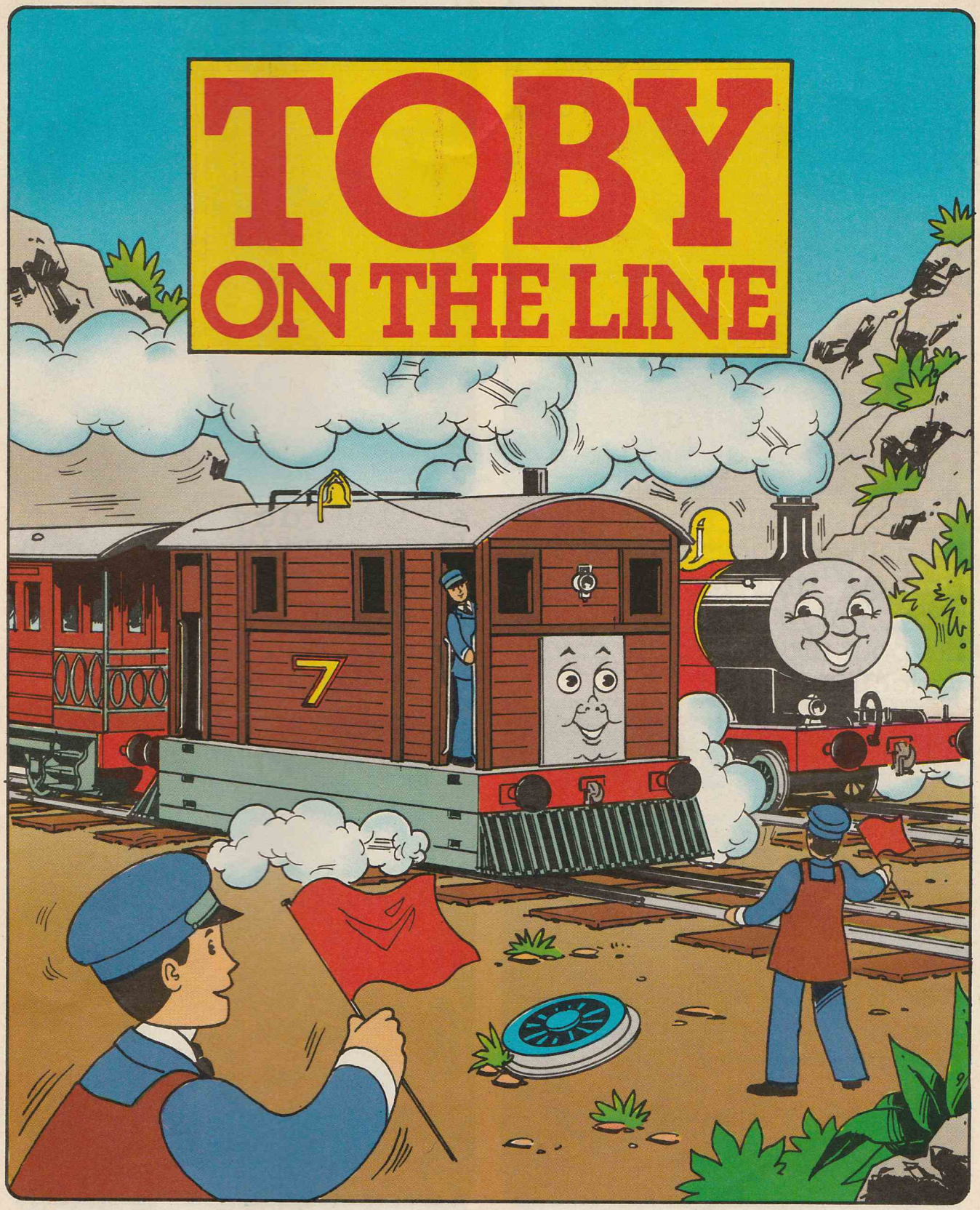
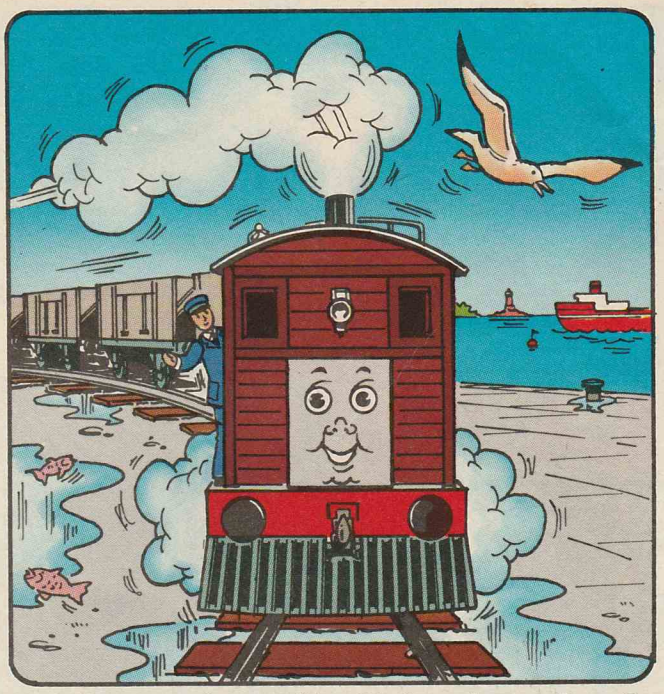
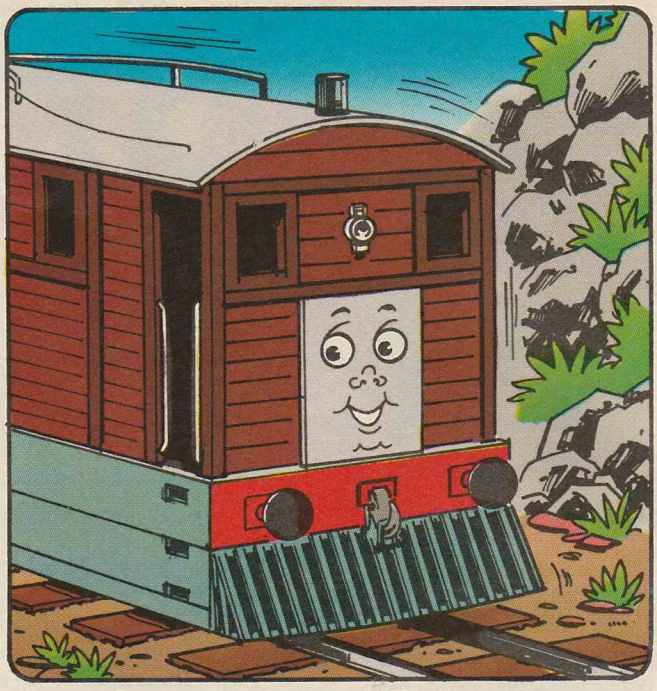


1. Toby is a steam driven tram engine. He enjoys working very hard on the outlying quarry line. Toby is always kept busy with this faithful coach, Henrietta.

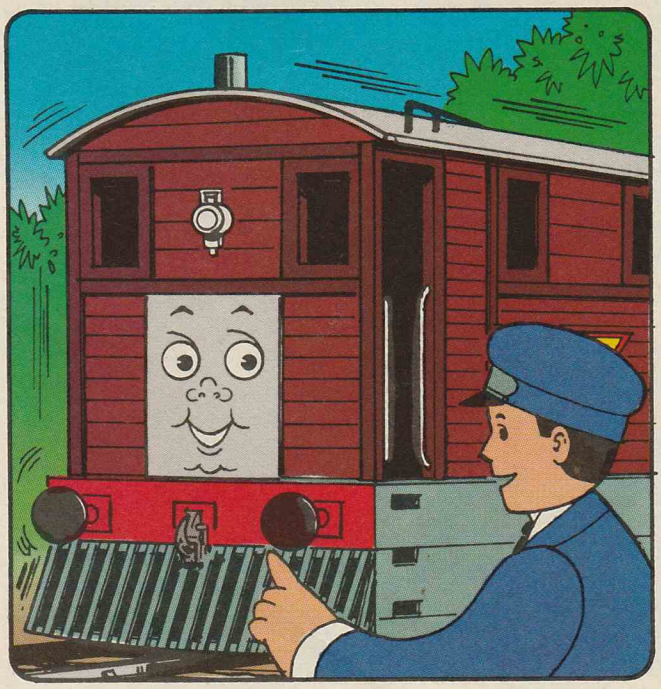
2. Sometimes James and Percy pull trucks up to the quarry. When they do, Toby and his driver are always pleased to see them and hear all the latest news.



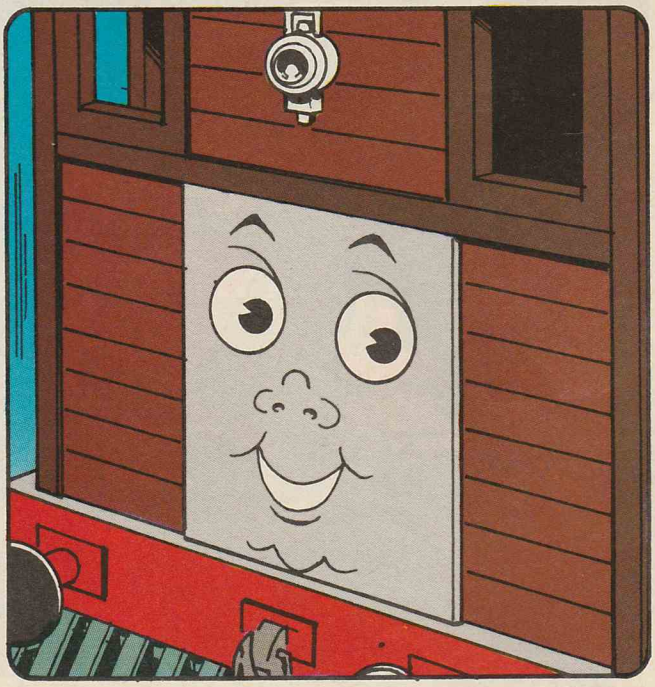
3. Occasionally, Toby is asked to deliver trucks to the Big Harbour and Main Station. Toby enjoys going to the harbour most of all. He enjoys watching the sea!



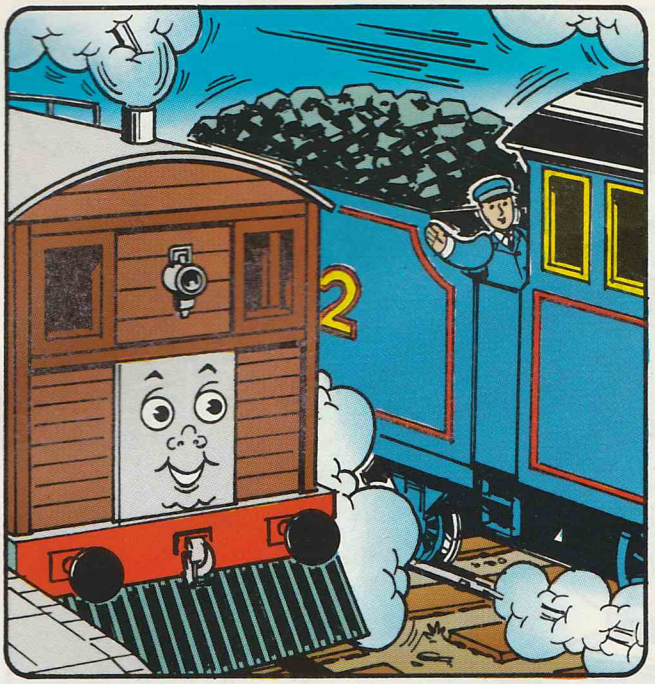
4. One day Toby was to collect trucks for the Main Station. He was looking forward to seeing the other engines and excited about travelling on the mainline!



5. Toby's driver was also looking forward to their day. "Can we go now?" cried Toby eagerly, when his driver returned from lunch. "It's too early," said his driver.

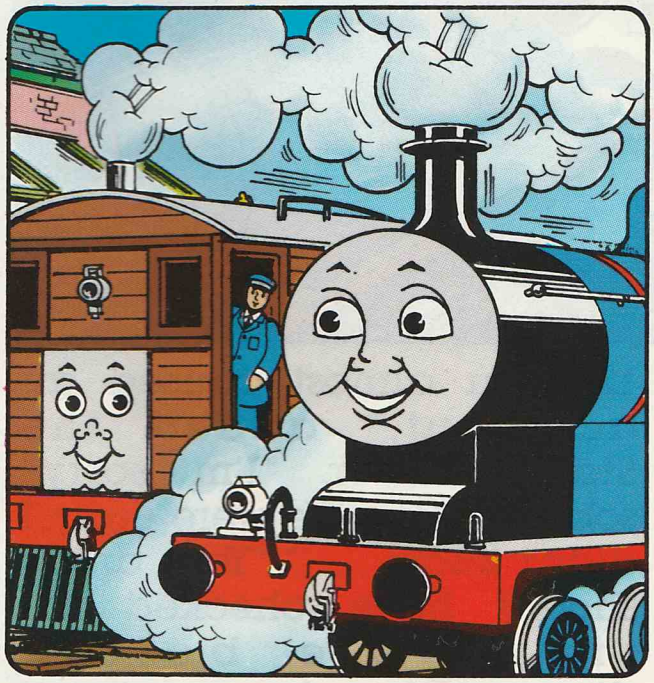


6. "I want to go now," said Toby. "We could visit Edward's station on the way!" "Alright," agreed Toby's driver. "If we leave now, we will have time to spend with Edward."

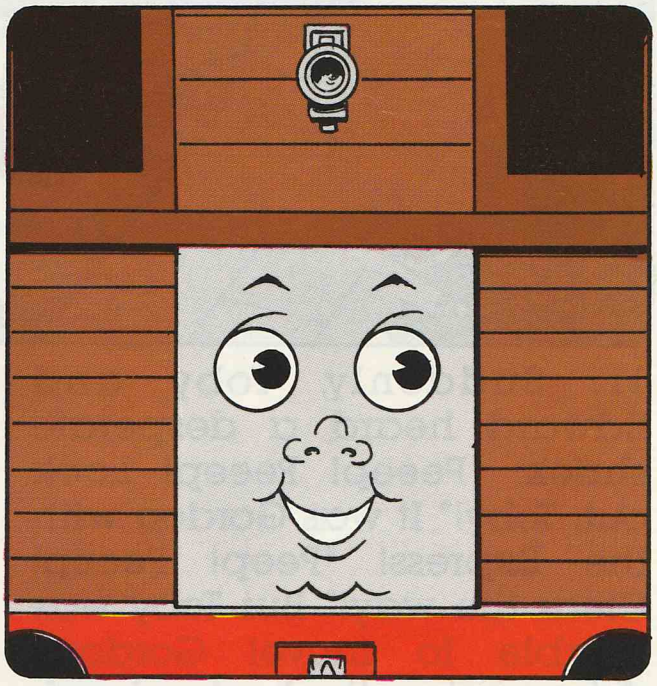


7. "Hullo!" called Edward when they arrived. "I didn't expect to see you today, Toby." He was glad to see his good friend. Toby's driver was glad to see Edward's driver too!

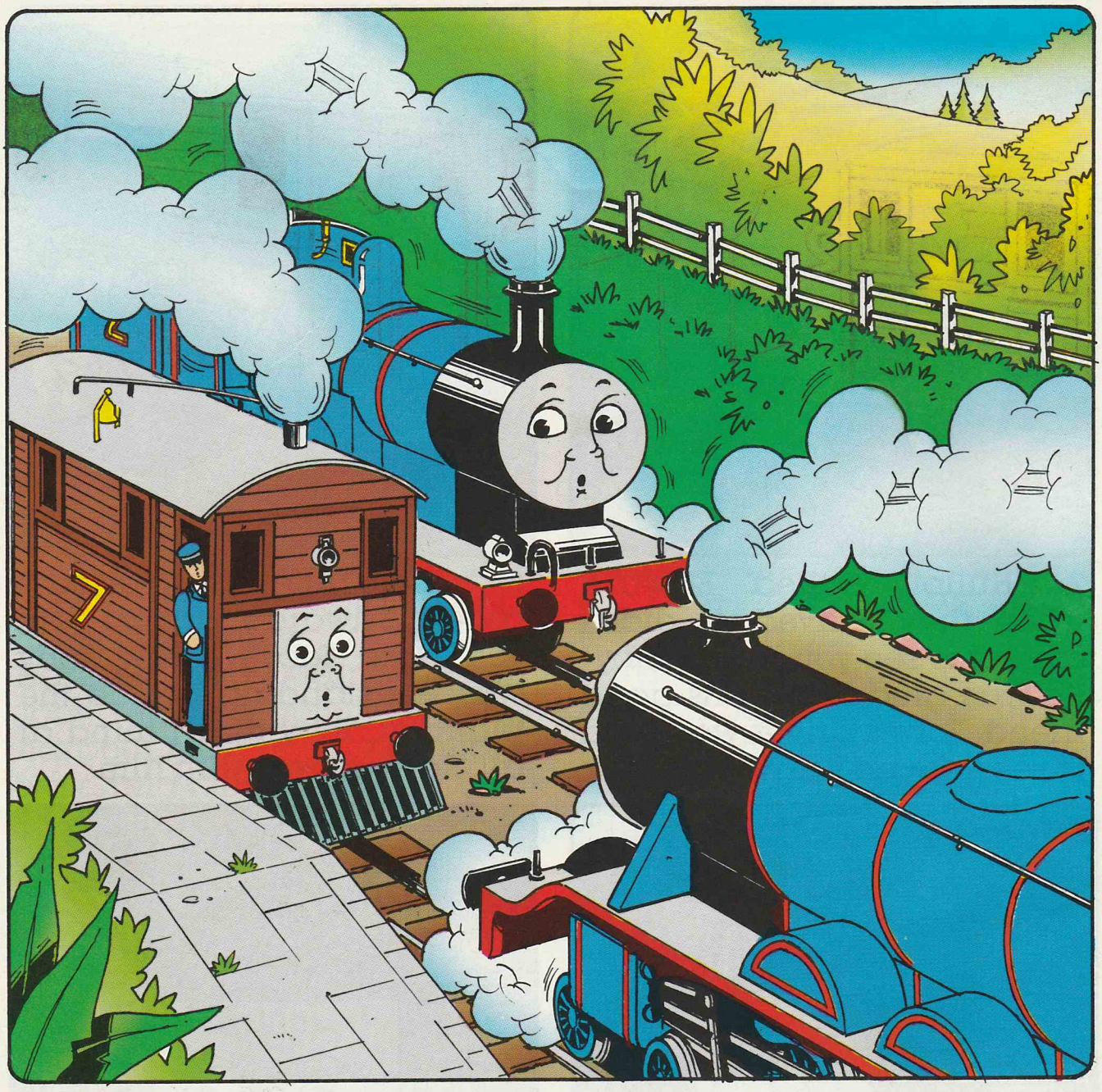
8. "Is there time for cup of tea?" asked Edward's driver. "Oh, yes," said Toby's driver. Toby was left standing beside the platform. Toby didn't mind at all. Edward was with him.



9. "Has your branch line been busy this morning?" asked Toby. "Yes, I've pulled two trains already," replied Edward. "So I am pleased to have a rest."



10. "We came down early to visit you," said Toby. Then Edward began to tell Toby about all the things which had happened on the railway since they had last met.



11. Suddenly, Toby and Edward heard a desperate shriek. "Peeep! Peeep! Look out, Toby!" It was Gordon with the Express! "Peep! Peeep! Clear the way!" But Toby was unable to move! Gordon's driver put on the brakes hard. **Skreee!** Gordon stopped just in time! "What are you doing here, Toby?" shouted Gordon's driver.

12. "You almost caused an accident," added the Stationmaster. "I'm sorry," sobbed Toby. "We were early. I didn't know . . ." "Your driver should have checked his timetable before disappearing for a cup of tea!" said the Stationmaster. "Sorry, sir," said Toby. "Next time we're early, we'll wait on a siding," said Toby's driver.

THE END

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